

House Resolution No. 1041

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge rare milestones in the lives of Show-Me State residents who down through the years have proven themselves to be exceptional citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Gwendolyn Proctor of Shelbina, Missouri, will attain a goal for which many reach but few achieve when she becomes a Missouri Centenarian on March 23, 2004; and

Whereas, Gwendolyn was born on March 23, 1904, in Quincy, Illinois, into the family of William and Mable Gerke who embraced her as a treasured addition to their loving relationship; and

Whereas, after a childhood filled with all manner of educational and rewarding experiences, Gwendolyn took as her beloved husband Thomas Proctor, a man to whom their community would show considerable respect and admiration in light of his many years as a judge; and

Whereas, Gwendolyn took her role as a wife very seriously and ensured that her home was a warm and inviting place in which everybody felt welcome when visiting; and

Whereas, for thirty years Gwendolyn helped her neighbors and friends achieve a proper attitude for worship through her talented and skillful playing of the piano and organ at Shelbina Methodist Church; and

Whereas, Gwendolyn also developed and maintained an exceptional reputation for her involvement in her local community through her active participation in PEO, Chapter II:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive life enjoyed by Gwendolyn Proctor and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as she celebrates her One Hundredth Birthday on March 23, 2004, at the Salt River Nursing Home, where she currently resides; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Gwendolyn Proctor of Shelbina, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Wes Shoemyer
District No. 9

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1041, adopted March 15, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker